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WASHINGTON (STED ARAB LEAGUE REP)

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1. AKHBAR MARCH 14 REPORTS THAT MOHAMED RIAD WILL
LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON MARCH 24 TO TAKE OVER ARAB LEAGUE
OFFICE IN US. I HAVE TELEPHONED MOHAMED RIAD TO SAY
THAT SUCH REPORT, PARTICULARLY IN PRESENT CONTEXT AND
ON SAME DAY AS PRESS REPORTS MAHMOUD RIAD'S ACTIVITIES
WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS, MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO WORK
OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS JOB IN WASHINGTON. I SUG-
GESTED THAT HE, MOHAMED RIAD, TAKE STEPS TO ASSURE
PRESS REPORTS OF HIS PLANS ARE STOPPED.

2. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, MOHAMED RIAD AGREED TO DO SO.
HE CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS GENERAL
DISCUSSION IN CAIRO OF HIS NEW JOB. (INDEED, THERE
IS AT LEAST ONE FAREWELL PARTY EVERY DAY, MINE IS
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22.) RIAD ASKED WHETHER I HAD
HEARD ANYTHING FROM WASHINGTON; WHEN I SAID I HAD NOT,
HE ASKED WHETHER HE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAN TO DEPART
ON MARCH 24, TO TRAVEL VIA FIVE DAYS IN ROME AND
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PARIS. I SUGGESTED THAT HE HOLD OFF ON ANY CHANGE IN PLANS
FOR THE PRESENT.

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